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S//BJ: AVIATION FUEL SHORTAGES

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1. IN RESPONSE TO UK INQUIRY DURING MEETING REFERRED TO IN REF (A), WE EXPLAINED AVIATION FUEL SITUATION IN THE US ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN REF (B). UK OFFICIALS EXPRESSED KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT INITIAL AVIATION FUEL PROPOSALS IN US DID NOT CONTAIN ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS. THEY INDICATED UK WOULD PROBABLY MAKE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 17 OR 18.

2. DURING SAME MEETING, UK OFFICIALS ALSO RAISED FUELING PROBLEMS BEING EXPERIENCED BY BOAC AT MIAMI. THEY NOTED THAT AS RESULT NATIONAL AIRLINES APPEAL THEY HAD REEXAMINED NATIONAL'S FUEL ALLOCATION IN /UK AND HAD DECIDED CARRIER HAS CASE FOR ALLOCATION INCREASE.

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UK OFFICIALS STATE THEY NOW IN RATHER AWKWARD SITUATION

DEFENDING THIS ACTION BECAUSE AS RESULT OF INCREASE
IN NATIONAL'S UK ALLOCATION, IT NOW IN POSITION
OPERATE HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICES THAN BOAC IN
LONDON/MIAMI MARKET DUE TO BOAC'S MIAMI FUEL PROBLEM.
THEY ASKED IF USG CCOULD DO ANYTHING RELIEVE THIS ANOMALY.
WE SAID WE WOULD REFER PROBLEM TO WASHINGTON, BUT DID
NOT HOLD OUT MUCH PROSPECT FOR RELIEF.

3. ON DECEMBER 14, BOAC ANNOUNCED FURTHER DRASTIC
CUTS IN AIR SERVICES DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGES. ACCORDING
TO BOAC SPOKESMAN, AIRLINE WILL BE FORCED TO CANCEL
200 FLIGHTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 440 FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO
BE OPERATED BETWEEN DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 31.

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